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STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE #4

(Management of Productive, Life-Sustaining Natural Resources Strengthened)

USAID program

The Local Initiatives for Affordable Wastewater Treatment (Linaw) program under the United States Agency for International Development recently led groundbreaking rites for a wastewater facility in the Alabang Public Market. Photo shows Linaw project manager Lisa Kircher Lumbao putting the schematic plans in a time capsule. Looking on is Muntinlupa Mayor Jaime Fresneda (second from left).

Lumbao urged the Muntinlupa City government to direct all residents to build their septic tanks properly. She said this means the tanks should be watertight, multichambered and accessible for periodic dislodging. “To maintain proper functioning, septage inside the tank needs to be taken out every three to five years,” Lumbao said.

The Alabang project will be completed next month. Muntinlupa is one of four cities in the Philippines which was provided with technical know-how by USAID in the construction of wastewater sewage treatment plants in public markets, slaughterhouses and other establishments.



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